

# **Combined Border Environmental Health Priority Areas**

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## Pesticides

- Programs (outreach and education) to reduce exposure
  - Children/others (non-occupational)
  - Farm workers (occupational)
- Reporting and/or surveillance

## Air Quality

- Asthma and asthma triggers
- Areas in non-attainment (PM, O<sub>3</sub>, etc)
- Sources: border-crossing/diesel
- Open-air burning issues
- Toxics

## Lead

- Programs to reduce exposure

## Water Quality

- Biological contaminant exposure and GI health outcomes
- Toxics
- Infrastructure
- Liquid waste issues from septic tanks and in shallow groundwater (i.e. private wells)

## Solid waste

- Landfills/trash as it relates to public health
- Waste tires- disposal and vectors
- Dumping solid waste

## Capacity building

- Environmental education
- Technical training (sanitarians, physicians, others)
- Leadership/vision

## Communication

- Risk communication
- Data sharing/information systems
- Links from science to policy

## Other/multi-media

- Home and/or community risk assessments
- Environmental Justice
- Access to healthcare
- Cumulative risk
- Evidence based approaches
- Built environment/healthy communities
- Global climate change

# Priority Areas: Matrix

	Air	Water	Lead	Waste	Pesticides
Environmental Monitoring					
Health Surveillance					
Capacity Building - <i>environmental education</i> - <i>technical training</i> - <i>leadership/vision</i>					
Communication - <i>risk</i> - <i>data sharing</i>					
Policy Development - <i>environmental justice</i>					